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Hon. Mayor Sharpe James
City of Newark
Newark City Hall
920 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Mayor James:

Thank you for the warm reception given to my mother and I at your breakfast. My mother was extremely pleased to be in your company and that of your family, as well as the other notable persons at the table, frankly, it was also the best part of my day.

As you may know, at Ruben's Restaurant & Supper Club, we offer a Sunday Brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On the Sunday of your breakfast, Ms. Massey of the Massey Insurance Agency, to whom you introduced me, who's agency now insures Nevada Court Mall, my office and the restaurant, was thoughtful enough to bring to our restaurant a group of approximately fifteen women who are members of Jack & Jill.

These ladies are professional women and among them was Ms. Churchman of the Churchman funeral home family. All was going well until about 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon when two young men drove into the parking lot in a black, late model automobile and proceeded to break into and steal the automobile out of our parking lot in broad daylight in the midst of customers and pedestrians walking by the automobile of one of the members of the Jack & Jill group.

Needless to say, we were all stunned, shocked and frozen with disbelief. I kept repeating to myself, how could something like this happen?

While I don't write to point fingers at you, the police director or the police department, I thought you would want to know the level at which these car thieves operate with reckless abandon right before our eyes.

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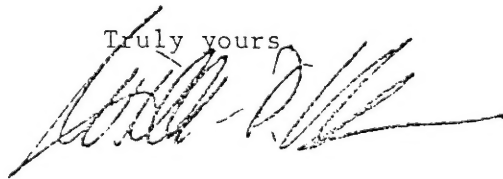
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While I don't have any answers to cure this problem, we stand ready to assist your administration in anyway possible to insure that Newark's Renaissance excels in spite of our known and real car theft dilemma.

Truly yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill Manns', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

WILLIAM D. MANNS, JR.

WDM:trw

cc: Police Director
E. Massey